

Amendment to the Drawings

The attached sheet of drawings replaces the all the original sheets.

Attachment: Replacement sheets

Remarks

Amendments to the specifications were made, as requested, so that the application conforms with MPEP 608.01(b). In this respect, appropriate new headings were added. Also, the abstract was shortened to be within the 150 word limit. Furthermore, a new paragraph on page 10 was added, the text of which is the same as the text deleted from the newly amended abstract. Accordingly, no new matter was believed to have been added.

The replacement drawings are now provided to replace all the originally submitted drawings. Applicant believes the replacement drawings overcome the objections posed in the office action.

Claims 1-3, 5-15 and 21 are pending. Claims 4 and 16 – 20 are withdrawn.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite, *inter alia*, “wherein the receiving device (2) is flexibly connected with the conveying tube (3) by means of a membrane (7)....” Accordingly, claim 11, which recited this limitation, has been canceled.


The rejection of claims 1-3, 5-9, 11- 15 and 21 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, is believed to have been overcome by Applicant’s present amendment to claim 1, which now deletes the phrase “particularly.”

The rejection of claims 1, 2, 5-9, 11 and 12 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated variously by Morane, Lasserre, and Wells is respectfully traversed. Applicant’s claim recites, *inter alia*, “wherein the receiving device (2) is flexibly connected with the conveying tube (3) by means of a membrane (7)....” Applicant believes that such a membrane is not expressly disclosed by Morane, Lasserre, and Wells. In contrast, such references disclose merely flexible elements. Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 50-3881, under Order No. 7807-101. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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